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**OF THE**  
**HOUSE OF**  
**REPRESENTATIVES**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Thirty-fourth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, February 6, 2006

The House of Representatives was called to order at 10:00 A.M., by the Honorable Joe R. Salter, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

**PRESENT**

Mr. Speaker	Faucheux	Morrell
Alario	Frith	Morrish
Alexander	Gallot	Odinot
Ansardi	Geymann	Pierre
Arnold	Glover	Pinac
Badon	Gray	Pitre
Baldone	Greene	Powell, M.
Barrow	Guillory, E.	Powell, T.
Baudoin	Guillory, M.	Quezaire
Baylor	Hammett	Richmond
Beard	Harris	Ritchie
Bowler	Heaton	Robideaux
Bruce	Hebert	Romero
Bruneau	Hill	Scalise
Burns	Honey	Schneider
Burrell	Hopkins	Smiley
Carter, K.	Hunter	Smith, G.
Carter, R.	Hutter	Smith, J.D.—50th
Cazayoux	Jackson	Smith, J.H.—8th
Crane	Jefferson	Smith, J.R.—30th
Cravins	Johns	St. Germain
Crowe	Katz	Strain
Curtis	Kennard	Thompson
Damico	Kenney	Toomy
Daniel	Kleckley	Townsend
Dartez	LaBruzzo	Trahan
DeWitt	LaFleur	Triche
Doerge	LaFonta	Tucker
Dorsey	Lambert	Waddell

Dove	Lancaster	Walker
Downs	Marchand	Walsworth
Durand	Martiny	White
Erdey	McDonald	Winston
Fannin	McVea	Wooton
Farrar	Montgomery	

Total - 104

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Speaker announced that there were 104 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Dr. Ken Ward.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Tucker led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Petitions, Memorials and  
Communications**

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

**Message from the Secretary of State**

The following message from the Secretary of State was received and read:

**United States of America  
State of Louisiana  
Al Ater  
Secretary of State**

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the attached pages contain a true and correct copy of the Proclamation by Her Excellency, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, dated January 30, 2006, hereby call and convene the Legislature of Louisiana into Extraordinary Session to convene at the State Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during twelve calendar days, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the sixth day of February, 2006, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the seventeenth day of February, 2006.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on, this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2006.

Al Ater  
Secretary of State

**State of Louisiana  
Executive Department  
Proclamation No. 12 KBB 2006**

**Convening of Legislature in Extraordinary Session**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Paragraph B of Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, HEREBY CALL AND CONVENE THE LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION to convene at the State Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during 12 calendar days, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006. The power to legislate at such session shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the following specified enumerated objects:

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**Item No. 1:** To legislate or propose an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana with respect to the consolidation, division, reorganization, abolishment, and creation of levee districts, and with respect to planning, design, construction, and maintenance of hurricane protection levees.

**Item No. 2:** To legislate relative to the acquisition, rehabilitation and disposition of residential housing properties deemed abandoned, blighted or adjudicated to a political subdivision, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 3:** To legislate relative to the Louisiana Recovery Authority established in October 2005 by Executive Order No. KBB 2005-63.

**Item No. 4:** To legislate relative to a housing and land trust for the purposes of economic stabilization and redevelopment of hurricane devastated areas of Louisiana.

**Item No. 5:** To legislate the public policy of the state regarding automatic denial of insurance coverage of immovable property for all or part of damages when a part of the loss is covered by the policy of insurance and to provide for the burden to prove that any portion of the loss is not covered by the policy.

**Item No. 6:** To legislate relative to the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness as an agency in the Office of the Governor reporting directly to the Governor and to provide for the authority and duties of the office.

**Item No. 7:** To legislate or propose an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana for the office of tax assessor for Orleans Parish and the Board of Assessors for Orleans Parish, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 8:** To legislate relative to the district court in Orleans Parish to create a single district court for Orleans Parish, to abolish the civil and criminal district courts, to provide for a single clerk of court and to abolish the office of the clerks of the Civil and Criminal District Courts, and to authorize the district court to adopt local rules controlling the assigning of civil or criminal matters to designated sections of the court, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 9:** To legislate relative to the office of Recorder of Mortgages for the parish of Orleans to abolish the office and to merge the powers, duties, and functions of the office into a single office of clerk of court for the parish of Orleans, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 10:** To legislate relative to the office of Register of Conveyances for the parish of Orleans to abolish the office and to merge the powers, duties, and functions of the office into a single office of clerk of court for the parish of Orleans, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 11:** To legislate relative to the office of Custodian of Notarial Records for the parish of Orleans to abolish the office and to merge the powers, duties, and functions of the office into a single office of clerk of court for the parish of Orleans, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 12:** To legislate relative to the office of sheriff of the parish of Orleans to create a single sheriff for the parish of Orleans, to abolish the office of the civil sheriff for the parish of Orleans and the office of the criminal sheriff for the parish of Orleans, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 13:** To legislate relative to Chapter 8 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes of 1950 to abolish the Municipal Court of New

Orleans and to abolish the offices of the judges and officers of said court and to merge the powers, duties, and functions of the Municipal Court of New Orleans with the New Orleans City Courts, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 14:** To legislate relative to the organization or reorganization of local governmental subdivisions, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 15:** To legislate to reduce the number of district judges in any judicial district, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 16:** To legislate with respect to Act 66 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of 2005 relative to the authority of certain parishes to prorate certain ad valorem taxes.

**Item No. 17:** To legislate with respect to Act 37 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of 2005 relative to settlement monies on claims arising under homeowners insurance policies.

**Item No. 18:** To repeal Act 24 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of 2005 providing for a statewide election in April 2006.

**Item No. 19:** To authorize displaced voters who registered to vote by mail to vote for the first time by absentee by mail.

**Item No. 20:** To legislate relative to Chapter 7 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes of 1950 to allow registered voters of a jurisdiction for which an emergency election plan has been proposed and approved to cast their ballots during the early voting period for the affected elections at registrar of voters offices in Louisiana parishes other than the parish in which such voters are registered to vote, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 21:** To legislate relative to amending the statewide election date on which the provisions of Act 69 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of 2005 providing for coastal protection and restoration funding will be submitted to the voters.

**Item No. 22:** To legislate relative to amending the statewide election date on which the provisions of Act 70 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of 2005 providing for the special assessment level for ad valorem taxes will be submitted to the voters and to make a corresponding amendment to Section 2 of Act 30 of the same session.

**Item No. 23:** To legislate relative to the authority of the Military Department to utilize the design-build method for construction projects to address damage resulting from a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency.

**Item No. 24:** To legislate relative to special capital outlay authorization to enable the Military Department to expend Military Department funds, federal funds, or both, for the planning, repair, rebuilding and reconstruction of Military Department infrastructure, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**Item No. 25:** To amend R.S. 42:1123 to allow public employees to receive, from validly-formed, not-for-profit organizations, disaster aid and relief to offset economic losses incurred as a result of Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

**Item No. 26:** To amend the covered taxable periods in Act 23 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of 2005.

**Item No. 27:** To legislate relative to the authority of the parish of Jefferson to utilize the design-build method for construction projects to expedite hurricane protection and flood control projects needed for the current year.

**Item No. 28:** To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.1 to provide for the application of the sales and use tax exemption therein to barges, commercial fishing vessels, and drilling ships.

**Item No. 29:** To legislate for the rescheduling of the 2006 election of Cameron Parish school board members and to provide for the terms of office for board members.

**Item No. 30:** To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1552, relative to the billing of government and certain nonprofit employers by the Louisiana Department of Labor for unemployment insurance claims paid pursuant to Executive Orders KBB 2005-34, 2005-46 and 2005-75, to delay such billing.

**Item No. 31:** To amend and reenact R.S. 13:992.1(D) to extend the deadline for letting public bids for construction of a new facility to house the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish, the offices of the clerk of court for the Nineteenth Judicial District, and such other ancillary agencies deemed necessary.

**Item No. 32:** To amend Act 446 of the 2005 Regular Session to treat the one-time severance tax payment made by oil and gas severers as an overpayment to be credited in future periods.

**Item No. 33:** To authorize the state to incur debt or issue bonds to provide relief from the natural catastrophes caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; to authorize procedures to implement and utilize the bond provisions of the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005; and to provide for the use and distribution of such proceeds.

**Item No. 34:** To legislate with respect to the limitation on or exclusion from net state tax supported debt with respect to debt incurred on bonds issued by the state to provide relief from the natural catastrophes caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 30th day of January, 2006.

KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO  
Governor of Louisiana

ATTEST BY THE GOVERNOR

AL ATER  
Secretary of State

**United States of America  
State of Louisiana  
Al Ater  
Secretary of State**

As Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby certify that the attached pages contain a true and correct copy of the Proclamation by Her Excellency, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, dated January 31, 2006, hereby call and convene the Legislature of Louisiana into Extraordinary Session to convene at the State Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during twelve calendar days, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the sixth day of February, 2006, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the seventeenth day of February, 2006.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on, this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2006.

Al Ater  
Secretary of State

**State of Louisiana  
Executive Department  
Proclamation No. 13 KBB 2006**

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, HEREBY ADD ITEMS TO THE PROCLAMATION SIGNED ON JANUARY 30, 2006, AND TO CALL AND CONVENE THE LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION to convene at the State Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during 12 calendar days, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006, and ending no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the 17th day of February, 2006. The power to legislate at such session shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the following specified enumerated objects:

**Item No. 35:** To amend Subpart B of Part XXX of Chapter 1 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to legislate as to the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; regarding the rehabilitation, liquidation or dissolution, change in the plan of operation, actions that would impair the protection of the rights of owners of bonds or other financial obligations of the corporation, the pledge and/or assignment of emergency assessments to pay bonds or other financial obligations, matters relating to severability; and provisions governing the bankruptcy of the corporation.

**Item No. 36:** To legislate with regard to the requirement of an insurer to provide information to the policyholder regarding the terms and conditions of a homeowners' insurance policy.

**Item No. 37:** To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.24 to authorize the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules to provide temporary additional third-party provider options for implementation of the uniform construction code by municipalities and parishes subject to the emergency wind and flood mitigation requirements.

**Item No. 38:** To permit the suspension and resumption of participation in a Deferred Retirement Option Plan authorized by law as part of a state retirement system for persons who were employees of a city or parish public school system who were terminated or furloughed as a result of such a reduction-in-force necessitated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita provided that such person is re-employed full-time in a city, parish, or other public school system within one year of the date of the termination or furlough.

**Item No. 39:** To provide relative to coverage for persons retired from a city or parish public school system on or before January 31, 2006, who participated in the private contracts of insurance or self-funded program of group health insurance provided to their retirees by that system.

**Item No. 40:** To amend Act 465 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to the distribution of revenue sharing allocations by the sheriffs in Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes.

**Item No. 41:** To legislate relative to construction of wireless internet networks for the establishment of basic and reliable communications among state and local law enforcement and emergency agencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 31st day of January, 2006.

KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO  
Governor of Louisiana

ATTEST BY THE GOVERNOR

AL ATER  
Secretary of State

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, House Rule No. 5.8 was suspended for the day.

**Louisiana House of Representatives**

December 29, 2005

Honorable Joe R. Salter  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4062

Dear Speaker Salter:

The purpose of this correspondence is to advise you of my resignation from the Louisiana House of Representatives effective the third day of January, 2006. I enjoyed serving in the Legislature, representing the constituents from my district, and getting to know and work with you.

Yours very truly,  
Tommy David Wright

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Governor that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Thompson, Marchand, Dove, St. Germain, and Baldone.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the Speaker appointed the following special committee to notify the Senate that the House is convened and prepared to transact business: Reps. Baylor, Jane Smith, Trahan, Gallot, and Kenney.

**Introduction of Resolutions,  
House and House Concurrent**

The following members introduced the following entitled House and House Concurrent Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWE

**A RESOLUTION**

To amend and readopt House Rule 10.8 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives to provide that any vote change must occur on the same legislative day and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Crowe, and under a suspension of the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, under the rules.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

**A RESOLUTION**

To urge and request President George W. Bush, Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, and the Louisiana congressional delegation to ensure enactment of legislation to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide the same level of assistance to the residents of Iberia Parish who were affected by

Hurricane Rita as the residents of Louisiana affected by Hurricane Katrina, including funding assistance with demolition and removal of damaged housing.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Hebert, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE STRAIN AND SENATOR SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, ARNOLD, BADON, BALDONE, BARROW, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BEARD, BOWLER, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, BURNS, BURRELL, K. CARTER, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CRANE, CRAVINS, CROWE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DARTEZ, DEWITT, DOERGE, DORSEY, DOVE, DOWNS, DURAND, ERDEY, FANNIN, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FRITH, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GLOVER, GRAY, GREENE, E. GUILLORY, M. GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HARRIS, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HONEY, HOPKINS, HUNTER, HUTTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOHNS, KATZ, KENNARD, KENNEY, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFLEUR, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANCASTER, MARCHAND, MARTINY, MCDONALD, MCVEA, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, ODINET, PIERRE, PINAC, PITRE, M. POWELL, T. POWELL, QUEZAIRE, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROMERO, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TRAHAN, TRICHE, TUCKER, WADDELL, WALKER, WALSWORTH, WHITE, WINSTON, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS ADLEY, AMEDEE, BAJOIE, BARHAM, BOASSO, BROOME, CAIN, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, DARDENNE, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ELLINGTON, FIELDS, FONTENOT, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, HEITMEIER, HINES, HOLLIS, JACKSON, JONES, KOSTELKA, LENTINI, MALONE, MARIONNEAUX, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, ROMERO, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THEUNISSEN, AND ULLO

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Maurice L. "Bud" Mapes who served with excellence as a lobbyist for fifty years.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Strain, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRUNEAU, SCALISE, AND LANCASTER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Mary Gemelli Hansen of New Orleans and to recognize her outstanding achievements.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Bruneau, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WINSTON AND BURNS AND SENATOR SCHEDLER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Roxanne Lagarde of Tchefuncte Middle School, Middle/Junior High School Division, upon being named the 2005-2006 Principal of the Year for St. Tammany Parish.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Winston, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCDONALD

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Leslie Remi Lavergne of Baton Rouge.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. McDonald, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to honor the preferences of local governing authorities in determining the location of temporary housing sites.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Hebert, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMILEY, LAMBERT, AND QUEZAIRE AND SENATOR AMEDEE

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Jason Garey for winning the Hermann Trophy.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Smiley, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Michael J. Bourgeois and to recognize his outstanding achievements.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWE

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the governor, commissioner of administration, Board of Regents, and Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to cooperate fully with each other and take all actions necessary to facilitate and expedite the reopening of the Slidell campus of Louisiana Technical College in the immediate future to provide educational services to students that meet the needs of the students as well as those of the community and the state.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Crowe, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CRANE

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Glenny Lee Buquet upon her service as president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for five terms and to recognize and record her myriad accomplishments and her remarkable contributions to the field of education.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Crane, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA AND SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend the Coca-Cola system for the generous donations and contributions it gave to Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. LaFonta, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend the Kentwood Springs Water Company for the generous donations that it made to the recovery effort in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. LaFonta, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend the people of Ohio, particularly the citizens of Hamilton and Fairfield, for their generosity upon the occasion of the Ohio Concert for Katrina, which featured Louisiana's own world-renowned pianist Ronnie Kole.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Schneider, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the banking industry and the Louisiana Bankers Association to study the issue of mortgage holders retaining amounts of insurance settlement payments in excess of the unpaid portion of the secured indebtedness.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. LaFonta, and under a suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**Reports of Special Committees**

The special committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House had convened and was prepared to transact business reported that it had performed that duty.

The special committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House had convened and was prepared to transact business reported that it had performed that duty.

The Speaker thanked and discharged the committees.

**Committee from the Senate**

A special committee from the Senate notified the House that the Senate has convened and is prepared to transact business.

The Speaker thanked and dismissed the committee.

**Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions**

The following named members introduced the following entitled House Bills and Joint Resolutions which were read the first time by their titles and, under a suspension of the rules, were referred to committee as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2891.3(C), relative to acquisition of abandoned property by a parish or municipality; to change the period of time for owners or other interested parties to contest the acquisition of property adjudicated more than five years; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWLER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1430.6(E), relative to bonds issued by the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; to provide for the payment of bonds; to provide for authority of the board; to provide for federal funds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Insurance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Sections 9(A) and 13 of Act 465 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to revenue sharing; to provide for certain parish allocations for Fiscal Year 2005-2006; to provide with respect to the distribution of revenue sharing allocations in Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, and St. Bernard parishes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 4—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFONTA, BRUNEAU, AND RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 10:9-211 and to enact R.S. 9:5396, relative to insurance; to provide for handling and distribution of insurance settlement payments on homeowners' insurance claims; to provide for deposit in interest-earning escrow accounts; to provide for distribution of interest; to provide for distribution of insurance settlement payment in excess of unpaid portion of secured indebtedness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 5—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.24(B), relative to the State Uniform Construction Code; to allow commercial and residential contractors to establish agreements with certain licensed contractors to conduct plan review and inspections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 6—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1123(36), relative to ethics; to allow a public employee who was affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita to receive certain specified disaster aid and relief; to require certain disclosures of such aid and relief; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 7—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFONTA, BRUNEAU, AND RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:5396 and to repeal R.S. 10:9-211, relative to mortgages; to provide for insurance settlement proceeds in excess of unpaid portion of secured indebtedness; to require notice be given to mortgagor; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 8—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:682, relative to homeowners' insurance; to require explanation of policy; to provide for flood insurance; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Insurance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 9—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURNS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:726(F), relative to the office of homeland security and emergency preparedness; to include within the authority and responsibilities of the office to develop a wireless communications system; to include within the system coordination between local and state responders; to include within the system a component that includes direct communication during an emergency between authorities, media, and citizens; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 10—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 10:9-211(a) and (c), relative to settlement proceeds from homeowners' insurance policies; to provide for placement of proceeds into interest-bearing accounts; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 11—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VI, Section 38(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to remove requirement that the board of commissioners of a levee district be appointed or elected from among residents of such district; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 12—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(d), relative to the conduct of elections during or following a gubernatorially declared state of emergency; to provide for certain displaced persons who have registered to vote by mail by a certain date to vote absentee by mail; to require an affidavit attesting to the voter's eligibility; to provide for the effectiveness of such provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 13—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1308.3, relative to absentee voting by mail by temporarily displaced persons; to provide for the application to such persons of certain provisions relative to absentee voting by mail by United States service members and persons residing outside the United States; to require an affidavit attesting to the voter's eligibility; to provide for the effectiveness of the provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 14—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:401.4, relative to early voting in other parishes by voters of an area affected by a gubernatorially declared state of emergency; to allow registered voters of an affected area to vote during early voting at any office of the registrar in any parish in the state for certain elections; to provide relative to the manner of conducting the early voting in other parishes; to require the secretary of state to assist the registrars of voters in conducting early voting; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 15—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:5396 and to repeal R.S. 10:9-211, relative to mortgages; to establish penalties for mortgage holders who fail to remit insurance settlement payments in excess of debt to the mortgagor; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 16—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 19:136 and 136.1(3), relative to expropriation by a declaration of taking; to authorize the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority to expropriate abandoned or blighted property by a declaration of taking; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 17—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LABRUZZO  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:682, relative to homeowners' insurance damage claims; to provide for presumption of coverage; to provide for disaster related claims; to provide for burden of proof; to provide for proof of losses; to provide for procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Insurance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 18—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 30 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, relative to the homestead exemption; to change the effective date for the provisions which provide for an extension of the homestead exemption when property is damaged or destroyed during a disaster or emergency declared by the governor; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 19—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BURNS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(3)(b)(i)(introductory paragraph), relative to the state income tax; to change the taxable periods for which the federal income tax deduction will not be reduced when an individual carries back a casualty loss resulting from a loss in a presidentially declared disaster area for federal income tax purposes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 20—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(3)(b) and to enact R.S. 47:293(3)(c), relative to individual income tax; to provide that the federal income tax deduction shall not be reduced for a prior year when an individual carries back a casualty loss resulting from a loss in a presidentially declared disaster area for federal income tax purposes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 21—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMMETT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(3)(b)(i)(introductory paragraph), relative to the state income tax; to change the taxable periods for which the federal income tax deduction will not be reduced when an individual carries back a casualty loss resulting from a loss in a presidentially declared disaster area for federal income tax purposes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 22—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:635(A)(3) and 640(B), relative to the severance tax on oil and gas; to provide that the one-time severance tax payment required by R.S. 47:635(A)(3) or 640(B) due on or before November 25, 2005, may be credited to the taxpayer's future liabilities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 23—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.27(D), relative to the State Uniform Construction Code; to change the starting date for enforcement of the emergency wind and flood mitigation

requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 24—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES BRUNEAU, STRAIN, MONTGOMERY, SCHNEIDER, MCVEA, BOWLER, ROMERO, WALSWORTH, CROWE, GREENE, FANNIN, ALEXANDER, BALDONE, BAUDOIN, BURNS, KLECKLEY, LANCASTER, MCDONALD, T. POWELL, RITCHIE, CAZAYOUX, AND DOERGE AND SENATORS MCPHERSON, HOLLIS, NEVERS, SCHEDLER, AND BARHAM  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 4(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for the expropriation of property; to prohibit the expropriation and transfer of property to a private person under certain circumstances; to provide for the definition of "public purposes"; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 25—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER AND ARNOLD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(K)(1) and (R) and 304.2 and to enact Part IV-A of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 38:350.1 through 350.24, relative to certain levee districts; to redefine the territorial limits of the Orleans Levee District; to consolidate the West Jefferson Levee District and a portion of the Orleans Levee District into the Barataria Basin Flood Authority; to provide for the purpose and jurisdictional boundaries of the authority; to provide for a board of commissioners to manage the authority; to provide for powers and duties of the authority and board; to provide for cooperative endeavor agreements with other entities including but not limited to Plaquemines and St. Charles parishes; to provide relative to the authority's relationship with the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for penalties; to provide for emergency procedures; to provide for transfer of certain property belonging to the Orleans Levee District to the authority; to provide for the completion, operation, and maintenance of the West Bank and Vicinity, New Orleans, Louisiana - Hurricane Protection Project and other such hurricane protection projects and related matters; to provide for oversight by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for an inspection program; to provide for compliance with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority master and annual plans; to provide for funding of certain flood protection projects; to provide for local activities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the authority; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 26—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BURNS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1123(36), relative to ethics; to allow a public employee who was affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane

Rita to receive certain specified disaster aid and relief; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 27—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 70 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, relative to the proposed constitutional amendment to provide for the continuation of the homestead exemption and special assessment level under certain specified circumstances; to change the date on which the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 28—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER  
AN ACT

To repeal Act No. 24 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, to remove provisions for the holding and conduct of a special statewide election on the fifth Saturday in April of 2006 for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments to the electors of the state.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 29—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 3 of Act No. 69 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, relative to the proposed constitutional amendment to change the name of the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund and to provide relative to such fund; to change the date on which the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 30—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCHAND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(d), relative to the conduct of elections during or following a gubernatorially declared state of emergency; to provide for certain displaced persons who have registered to vote by mail by a certain date to vote absentee by mail; to require an affidavit attesting to the voter's eligibility; to provide for the effectiveness of such provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 31—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:32, relative to temporary housing sites; to provide that no temporary housing site shall be established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency within any parish or municipality until the location of such site has been approved by the local governing authority of the respective parish or municipality; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 32—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:808(A)(11) and 851(Q), relative to state group insurance; to provide insurance coverage for certain persons retired from the employment with or employed by certain city or parish public school boards; to provide relative to the eligibility of such persons to participate in programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits; to provide for limitations; to provide for a program of insurance for such persons; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 33—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCHAND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 19:2(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), relative to expropriation; to prohibit expropriation for certain purposes; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the return of unused expropriated property; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 34—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MONTGOMERY, BOWLER, GREENE, MCVEA,  
ROMERO, SCHNEIDER, AND WALSWORTH  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 4(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for the expropriation of property; to prohibit the expropriation and transfer of property to a private person under certain circumstances; to provide for the definition of "public purposes"; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 35—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ANSARDI  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 4(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the expropriation of residential housing properties; to provide for limitations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 36—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1211, R.S. 18:402(D) and R.S. 44:71, to enact R.S. 13:1021 through 1024, Chapter 2-A of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 44:181 through 185, and to repeal R.S. 9:2745, R.S. 13:1211.1, 1212.1, 1371, 1371.1, and 1371.2, R.S. 18:514(B), Part III of Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 35:321 through 338, and Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 44:201 through 268, relative to reorganization and consolidation of judicial officers and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in Orleans Parish; to merge and consolidate the office of clerk of court for the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans and the office of clerk of court for the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans; to provide for the office of clerk of court of the civil and criminal district courts for the parish of Orleans; to transfer, merge, and consolidate the offices of the custodian of notarial records, the register of conveyances, and the recorder of mortgages and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities within the clerk of court; to provide for the abolition of the offices of the custodian of notarial records, the register of conveyances, and the recorder of mortgages; to provide for the duties, authority, functions, and employees of the clerk of court; to provide for implementation; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 37—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1211, R.S. 18:402(D) and R.S. 44:71, to enact R.S. 13:1021 through 1024, Chapter 2-A of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 44:181 through 185, and to repeal R.S. 9:2745, R.S. 13:1211.1, 1212.1, 1371, 1371.1, and 1371.2, R.S. 18:514(B), Part III of Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 35:321 through 338, and Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 44:201 through 268, relative to reorganization and consolidation of judicial officers and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in Orleans Parish; to merge and consolidate the office of clerk of court for the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans and the office of clerk of court for the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans; to provide for the office of clerk of court of the civil and criminal district courts for the parish of Orleans; to transfer, merge, and consolidate the offices of the custodian of notarial records, the register of conveyances, and the recorder of mortgages and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities within the clerk of court; to provide for the abolition of the offices of the custodian of notarial records, the register of conveyances, and the recorder of mortgages; to provide for the duties, authority, functions, and employees of the clerk of court; to provide for implementation; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 38—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, FARRAR, AND HONEY  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 19:2(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), relative to expropriation; to prohibit expropriation for certain purposes; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the return of unused expropriated property; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 39—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES FARRAR AND RICHMOND  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 4(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to prohibit the expropriation and transfer of property to a private person under certain circumstances; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 40—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:5633(A)(2)(c), relative to three year acquisitive prescription; to provide for acquisition of blighted property; to provide for the filing of certain affidavits and judgments, and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 41—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1430.11(E), relative to the payment of insurance claims and premiums; to provide for the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; to provide for payment of premiums by policyholders; to provide for payment of claims to policyholders; to provide for offset; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Insurance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 42—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE K. CARTER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1477, relative to homeowner's insurance policies; to provide for disclosure of policy terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Insurance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 43—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCHAND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 19:1.1, relative to suspension of expropriation; to provide for a one-year suspension of actions to expropriate under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 44—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BURNS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:291.1, 291.2, 291.3 and 291.4 and to repeal R.S. 38:291(D), (G), (K), and (R), 304.2, 304.3, 307, 326.2, 327, 328, 335, 336, 337, and 421(F), relative to levee districts; to consolidate the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, and West Jefferson Levee Districts into the Southeast Louisiana Levee District; to provide relative to such district's jurisdiction and purpose; to establish a board of commissioners; to provide relative to the nomination, appointment, qualifications, terms, vacancies, and compensation of such commissioners; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the board; to establish a Flood Control Priority Program; to provide relative to priority program project applications and evaluation; to authorize the board to employ an executive director; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; to repeal all rights, powers and authority of the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, and West Jefferson Levee Districts; to provide relative to the debts, assets, property and employees of the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, and West Jefferson Levee Districts; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 45—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE K. CARTER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1430.6(E), 1430.19, 1430.20 and 1430.21 and to amend and reenact R.S. 22:1430.6(D)(5), 1430.16(G), and 1430.17, relative to the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; to provide for bonds and obligations; to provide for security interests; to provide for dissolution; to provide for payment of bonds and obligations; to provide for the plan of operation; to provide for impairment of obligations; to provide for covenants with the state and the legislature; to provide for bankruptcy; to provide for severability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Insurance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 46—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1978.1(A)(1)(b), (A)(3)(b), (B)(1) and (2), and (C)(1)(a), to enact 1978.1(C)(4), and to repeal 47:1978.1(D), relative to the assessment of land and property damaged or destroyed during a disaster or emergency declared by the governor; to provide for assessment procedures; to limit the application of certain assessment procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 47—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(F)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (f), (P)(1), and (T)(1) and to repeal 38:291(F)(2)(g), relative to the consolidation of certain levee districts in Lafourche Parish; to change the boundaries of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District and the Lafourche Basin Levee District; to provide for exclusive jurisdiction of the South Lafourche Levee District; to provide relative to boards of commissioners; to provide for the transfer of certain property and documents; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 48—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(F)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (f), (P)(1), and (T)(1) and to repeal 38:291(F)(2)(g), relative to the reorganization of certain levee districts in Lafourche Parish; to change the boundaries of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District and the Lafourche Basin Levee District; to provide for exclusive jurisdiction of the South Lafourche Levee District; to provide relative to boards of commissioners; to provide for the transfer of certain property and documents; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 49—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES ANSARDI AND TOOMY  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:85, relative to contracts for hurricane protection and flood control projects in Jefferson Parish; to authorize the parish governing authority to let a single contract combining the design and construction phases of any such project; to provide procedures, requirements, and limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 50—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for a single tax assessor in Orleans Parish; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 51—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:1425, 11:1481(2)(b)(i), 2(c) and (d)(i), 13:4405, 18:602(C), 35:281, 42:261(D)(2), 44:205, 47:1901, 1901.1, 1903, 1903.2, 1904(A) and (B) through 1906, 1907(A), 1908(C), 1925.3(A), 1931, 1932, 1952(F), 1956(A), 1958(E), 1959, 1964, 1969, 1987(A), 1992(F), 1993(D) and 1997, and to repeal R.S. 47:1909, 1910, 1910.1, 1910.2, 1960 and 1992(G), relative to assessors; to provide for the consolidation of the assessors of Orleans Parish; to provide for changes to various provisions of law pertaining to assessment of property for ad valorem tax purposes to reflect a single assessor in Orleans Parish; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 52—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARTINY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:501(B) and (C)(1), 502(A) and (B) and 508.3(A), R.S. 38:291(A)(1) and (L)(1), and R.S. 49:213.1(D), 213.4(A)(3) and (4), and 213.6(D)(1) and (2), to enact R.S. 36:508.4 and 509(B)(5) and Chapter 3-A of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 38:241 through 250, and to repeal R.S. 38:291(D), (G), (K), (P), (R), (S), (T), and (U), 304.2, 304.3, 307, 326.2, 327, 328, 329, 335, 336, 337 and 338, relative to hurricane flood protection levees; to provide for the creation of the office of hurricane flood protection within the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the officers of the office of hurricane flood protection and the appointment, salary, powers, duties and functions of such office; to create the Hurricane Flood Protection, Construction, and Development Priority Program; to provide relative to certain definitions; to establish a methodology for the submission and evaluation of hurricane flood protection project applications; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations under certain circumstances; to authorize the establishment of a Hurricane Flood Protection Commission; to provide relative to the nomination and appointment of commissioners; to provide relative to the duties of such commission; to abolish the East Jefferson, Lake Borgne Basin, Orleans, South Lafourche, West Jefferson, and Grand Isle Independent Levee Districts; to abolish the North Lafourche, Conservation, Levee and Drainage District; to repeal laws relative to such levee districts; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 53—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1421(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1424(9), 1433(A)(1), 1450(A), 1463, 1481(5), 1501, 1503 through 1507, 1516, 1520, 1521, 1521.1, 1522,1523.1, 1526, 1527, 1529, 1530, and 1531, to enact R.S. 33:1500, 1504, and 1507.1, and to repeal R.S. 33:1501.1, 1502, 1511, 1513, 1519, 1519.1, and 1525, relative to the consolidation of the civil and criminal sheriffs of the parish of Orleans; to provide for one sheriff for the parish of Orleans; to provide for the term of office of the sheriff; to provide for the election of the sheriff

commencing with the next election of parochial and municipal officers in Orleans Parish; to provide, delineate, and otherwise designate the powers, authority, duties, function, and fees of the sheriff; to provide for the abolition of the separate offices of the civil and criminal sheriff; to provide for submission of a plan requesting preclearance of the election of the sheriff pursuant to the Voting Rights Act; to provide for effective dates; to provide for delayed implementation in the event that notice of preclearance is not timely received; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 54—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1421(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1424(9), 1433(A)(1), 1450(A), 1463, 1481(5), 1501, 1503 through 1507, 1516, 1520, 1521, 1521.1, 1522,1523.1, 1526, 1527, 1529, 1530, and 1531, to enact R.S. 33:1500, 1504, and 1507.1, and to repeal R.S. 33:1501.1, 1502, 1511, 1513, 1519, 1519.1, and 1525, relative to the consolidation of the civil and criminal sheriffs of the parish of Orleans; to provide for one sheriff for the parish of Orleans; to provide for the term of office of the sheriff; to provide for the election of the sheriff commencing with the next election of parochial and municipal officers in Orleans Parish; to provide, delineate, and otherwise designate the powers, authority, duties, function, and fees of the sheriff; to provide for the abolition of the separate offices of the civil and criminal sheriff; to provide for submission of a plan requesting preclearance of the election of the sheriff pursuant to the Voting Rights Act; to provide for effective dates; to provide for delayed implementation in the event that notice of preclearance is not timely received; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 55—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BADON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:71(C) and Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 44:201 through 295, to enact R.S. 18:402(D)(4) and 514(B)(3), and to repeal Part III of Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 35:321 through 338, relative to the offices of register of conveyances, the recorder of mortgages and the custodian of notarial records for the parish of Orleans; to abolish those offices and provide for the merger and consolidation of their powers, duties, and functions into the office of the recorder of real properties for the parish of Orleans; to provide for the election of the recorder of real properties for the parish of Orleans; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to make appropriate changes in current law; to provide for implementation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 56—**BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1, 474, 477(introductory paragraph), 691(A), 759, 842(A)(introductory paragraph), and 901, R.S. 18:402(D), R.S. 33:1421(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a), 1501, 1503 through 1507, 1516, 1520, 1521, 1521.1, 1522, 1523.1, 1526, 1527, 1529, 1530, and 1531, and R.S. 44:71; to enact R.S. 13:474.1, 477(41), 621.41, 621.42, 621.43, 714.1, 714.2, 751.1, 751.2, 751.3, 841.3, 983, 996.62 through 996.64, R.S. 33:1500, 1504 and 1507.1, and Chapter 2-A of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 44:181 through 185; and to repeal R.S. 9:2745, R.S. 13:471, 1001 through 1400, R.S. 18:514(B), R.S. 33:1501.1, 1511, 1513, 1519, 1519.1, and 1525, R.S. 35:321 through 338, Part III of Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 35:321 through 338, and Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 44:201 through 268, relative to the reorganization and consolidation of the civil and criminal district courts, clerk of the civil and criminal district courts, and civil and criminal sheriffs in and for the parish of Orleans; to provide relative to the register of conveyances and recordation for the parish of Orleans; to provide, delineate, and otherwise designate the powers, authority, duties, functions, compensation, fees, and related matters concerning the civil and criminal district courts, clerks of the civil and criminal courts, the civil and criminal sheriffs, the office and custodian of notarial records, the office of the register of conveyances, the office of the recorder of mortgage, and other judicial officers and officials for the parish of Orleans, to create the Forty-First Judicial District, its subsequent courts, magistrate, and commissioners, to create the Consolidated Expense Fund for the Forty-First Judicial District and the Consolidated Expense Fund Board; to provide for the consolidation of certain offices and judicial expense funds, to provide for the election of a single sheriff and clerk of court for the parish of Orleans commencing with the next election for parochial and municipal officers in Orleans Parish; to provide for the abolition of the separate offices of the civil and criminal sheriff; to provide for submission of a plan requesting preclearance of the election of the sheriff pursuant to the Voting Rights Act; to provide for effective dates; to provide for delayed implementation in the event that notice of preclearance is not timely received; to abolish the office of the register of conveyances, the office of the recorder of mortgages, and the office and custodian of notarial records, to provide transitional provisions; to provide for the reduction by attrition of judges upon retirement pursuant to recommendations of the Judicial Council; to request the Judicial Council to review and make recommendations on the optimum number of district court judges in the parish of Orleans based on certain data; to request the Louisiana State Law Institute to change statutory references including the renumbering of provisions consistent with the provisions of this Act; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 57—**BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1, 474, 477(introductory paragraph), 691(A), 759, 842(A)(introductory paragraph), and 901, R.S. 18:402(D), R.S. 33:1421(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a), 1501, 1503 through 1507, 1516, 1520, 1521, 1521.1, 1522, 1523.1, 1526, 1527, 1529, 1530, and 1531, and R.S. 44:71; to enact R.S. 13:474.1, 477(41), 621.41, 621.42, 621.43, 714.1,

714.2, 751.1, 751.2, 751.3, 841.3, 983, 996.62 through 996.64, R.S. 33:1500, 1504 and 1507.1, and Chapter 2-A of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 44:181 through 185; and to repeal R.S. 9:2745, R.S. 13:471, 1001 through 1400, R.S. 18:514(B), R.S. 33:1501.1, 1511, 1513, 1519, 1519.1, and 1525, R.S. 35:321 through 338, Part III of Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 35:321 through 338, and Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 44:201 through 268, relative to the reorganization and consolidation of the civil and criminal district courts, clerk of the civil and criminal district courts, and civil and criminal sheriffs in and for the parish of Orleans; to provide relative to the register of conveyances and recordation for the parish of Orleans; to provide, delineate, and otherwise designate the powers, authority, duties, functions, compensation, fees, and related matters concerning the civil and criminal district courts, clerks of the civil and criminal courts, the civil and criminal sheriffs, the office and custodian of notarial records, the office of the register of conveyances, the office of the recorder of mortgage, and other judicial officers and officials for the parish of Orleans, to create the Forty-First Judicial District, its subsequent courts, magistrate, and commissioners, to create the Consolidated Expense Fund for the Forty-First Judicial District and the Consolidated Expense Fund Board; to provide for the consolidation of certain offices and judicial expense funds, to provide for the election of a single sheriff and clerk of court for the parish of Orleans commencing with the next election for parochial and municipal officers in Orleans Parish; to provide for the abolition of the separate offices of the civil and criminal sheriff; to provide for submission of a plan requesting preclearance of the election of the sheriff pursuant to the Voting Rights Act; to provide for effective dates; to provide for delayed implementation in the event that notice of preclearance is not timely received; to abolish the office of the register of conveyances, the office of the recorder of mortgages, and the office and custodian of notarial records, to provide transitional provisions; to provide for the reduction by attrition of judges upon retirement pursuant to recommendations of the Judicial Council; to request the Judicial Council to review and make recommendations on the optimum number of district court judges in the parish of Orleans based on certain data; to request the Louisiana State Law Institute to change statutory references including the renumbering of provisions consistent with the provisions of this Act; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 58—**BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1552(B)(2), relative to the billing of reimbursable nonprofit employers by the Louisiana Department of Labor for unemployment insurance claims to provide for an extension of time in which nonprofit employers have in making payments; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 59—**BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:4(H) and Part V of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.1 through 220.7, and to repeal R.S. 36:4(H) and Part V

of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:220.1 through 220.7, relative to the Louisiana Recovery Authority; to establish the Louisiana Recovery Authority in the office of the governor; to provide for the authority and its powers, functions, and duties; to provide for an executive director and the powers, functions, and duties of the executive director; to provide for the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board and its membership, powers, functions, and duties; to authorize the board to create subsidiaries with certain powers, functions, and duties; to provide for the effectiveness of the provisions; to repeal all provisions relative to the Louisiana Recovery Authority; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 60—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, ALEXANDER, BALDONE, BRUCE, BURNS, CAZAYOUX, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DARTEZ, DOERGE, DOWNS, DURAND, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, GREENE, E. GUILLORY, M. GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HONEY, JOHNS, KENNEY, LAFLEUR, LANCASTER, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, ODINET, PIERRE, PITRE, T. POWELL, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, JANE SMITH, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TUCKER, WINSTON, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS LENTINI, ADLEY, CAIN, CHEEK, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ELLINGTON, B. GAUTREAU, HEITMEIER, HOLLIS, KOSTELKA, MARIONNEAUX, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, SCHEDLER, AND SMITH  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:305.1(A), (B), and (C)(1), relative to exclusions and exemptions from state and local sales and use tax for ships and ships' supplies; to clarify that barges are included in the exemption for ships and ships' supplies as provided in R.S. 47:305.1(B); to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 61—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:1(B), 722(A)(1), 724(B)(3), 725, 726(A), (E)(introductory paragraph), and (F), 727(A), 728(A) and (C), 730(C), 731.1(A), 737(C), 764(A)(1), 766(B), and 767, R.S. 30:2458(A)(9), R.S. 36:4(B)(1)(n), R.S. 40:2841, 2842(3), and 2844(B)(6), and R.S. 49:1055(D) and to enact R.S. 36:4(B)(1)(g), relative to reorganization of governmental powers, functions, and responsibilities regarding homeland security and emergency preparedness; to abolish the office of homeland security and emergency preparedness in the Military Department and to create the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness as an agency in the office of the governor reporting directly to the governor; to provide for the powers, duties, organization, and responsibilities of such office; to provide for a director of such office; to provide that the new office is the successor to the abolished office; to provide for the transfer of power, duties, functions, responsibilities, property, and employees and to otherwise provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 62—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:297(P), relative to the individual income tax; to provide a tax credit for homeowners whose primary residence is damaged as a consequence of a named tropical storm or hurricane; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the bill was returned to the calendar.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 63—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:401.4, relative to early voting in other parishes by voters of an area affected by a gubernatorially declared state of emergency; to allow registered voters of an affected area to vote during early voting at any office of the registrar in any parish in the state for certain elections; to provide relative to the manner of conducting the early voting in other parishes; to require the secretary of state to assist the registrars of voters in conducting early voting; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 64—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:401.4, relative to early voting in other Louisiana parishes by voters of an area affected by a gubernatorially declared state of emergency; to allow registered voters of an affected area to vote during early voting at any office of the registrar in any Louisiana parish for certain elections; to provide relative to the manner of conducting early voting in other parishes; to require the secretary of state to assist the registrars of voters in conducting early voting; to provide relative to definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 65—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:401.4, relative to early voting in other parishes by voters of an area affected by a gubernatorially declared state of emergency; to allow registered voters of an affected area to vote during early voting at any office of the registrar in any parish in the state for certain elections; to provide relative to the manner of conducting the early voting in other parishes; to require the secretary of state to assist the registrars of voters in conducting early voting; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 66—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:401.4, relative to early voting in the offices of the registrars by voters of an area affected by a gubernatorially declared state of emergency; to allow registered voters of an

affected area to vote during early voting at any office of the registrar of any Louisiana parish for certain elections; to provide relative to the manner of conducting early voting in the offices of the registrars; to require the secretary of state to assist the registrars of voters in conducting early voting; to provide relative to definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 67—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(d), relative to the conduct of elections during or following a gubernatorially declared state of emergency; to provide for certain displaced persons who have registered to vote by mail by a certain date to vote absentee by mail; to require an affidavit attesting to the voter's eligibility; to provide for the effectiveness of such provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 68—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:323, relative to participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan by certain persons terminated as a result of a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency; to provide for certain members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System to participate or resume participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan; to provide with respect to interest credited to a Deferred Retirement Option Plan account; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Retirement.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 69—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VII, Section 18.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for a state tax assessor; proposing to repeal Article VII, Section 24, to repeal the provisions authorizing the election of a tax assessor in each parish and seven assessors in Orleans Parish; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 70—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:726(E)(13) and to enact R.S. 29:726(E)(14) and (15), relative to the duties of the office of homeland security and emergency preparedness; to require the office to promulgate standards and requirements for local governments to follow relative to mandatory evacuations; to

require the office to give priority consideration to the evacuation of certain designated special needs persons; to require the office to promulgate standards and requirements for local governments to follow for the evacuation or safe housing of essential workers; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 71—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO  
AN ACT

To provide for a special capital outlay authorization to enable the Department of Military Affairs to expend federal funds for the planning, repair, rebuilding, and reconstruction of Department of Military Affairs infrastructure, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 72—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VI, Section 39 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to prohibit the governing authority of certain levee districts from levying a tax without voter approval; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 73—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 3-C of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:600.31 through 600.45, relative to housing; to enact and provide for the Louisiana Housing Preservation Act; to provide relative to the identification and rehabilitation of blighted housing property and procedures therefor; to provide for the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of parishes, municipalities, and courts relative thereto; to provide for designation of qualified rehabilitation entities; to provide relative to permits, taxes, liens, obligations, and liability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

### Petitions, Memorials and Communications

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

### Message from the Senate

### ASKING CONCURRENCE IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

February 6, 2006

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has adopted and asks your concurrence in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1

Respectfully submitted,  
GLENN A. KOEPP  
Secretary of the Senate

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Senate Concurrent Resolutions at this time.

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions contained in the message were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—**  
BY SENATOR MURRAY

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To invite the Honorable Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of Louisiana, to address a joint session of the legislature.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Dorsey, the rules were suspended to consider the concurrence of the resolution.

Rep. Dorsey moved the resolution be concurred in.

Rep. Beard objected.

By a vote of 63 yeas and 9 nays, the resolution was concurred in.

**Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions**

The following named members introduced the following entitled House Bills and Joint Resolutions which were read the first time by their titles and, under a suspension of the rules, were referred to committee as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 74—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TOOMY  
**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 11:558(A)(7), relative to retirement of certain district judges; to provide for a retirement incentive program and abolition of vacated judicial positions; to provide with respect to benefit calculation and retirement eligibility; to provide conditions and limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Petitions, Memorials and Communications**

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

**Message from the Senate**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

February 6, 2006

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has concurred in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 7  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 9  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 10  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11  
Returned without amendments

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12  
Returned without amendments

Respectfully submitted,  
GLENN A. KOEPP  
Secretary of the Senate

**Motion**

Rep. Karen Carter moved the House of Representatives convene in Joint Session with the Senate at 5:30 P.M. on this date, such session to be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, to sit until adjourned.

To which there was no objection.

**Suspension of the Rules**

Rep. Karen Carter moved to suspend the rules to permit the Committees on Appropriations and House and Governmental Affairs to post their agendas after the House has adjourned.

To which there was no objection.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Johns, at 11:10 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at 5:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 7, 2006.

ALFRED W. SPEER  
Clerk of the House